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SUNDAY AT THE FAIR.

The Authorities Have Already Forestalled the Nation.

A CONDITION, NOT A THEORY.

The Old Hudson Bay Steamer Beaver to go to Chicago.

SERIOUS CHARGES ON NURSES.

Flood in Michigan—Forest Fire in New Jersey—Another Levee Broken—Other News.

CHICAGO, June 3.—It would be just as well for those persons—and there are hundreds of thousands of them in the United States; who are trying to bring about the closing of the world's fair on Sunday to bear in mind that the very thing against which they protest is now in full operation. The gates of the world's fair are open every Sunday, and hundreds of sight-seers go to it, they being admitted readily on payment of the established fee. The world's fair directors have thus decided the matter of Sunday opening while the whole country, represented by congress, by great religious gatherings and many other influential bodies, is still debating the matter. It may well be asked: Are the world's fair authorities justified in forestalling the judgement of the nation in this matter? There is little real difference between the present arrangement at Jackson park and that which will be in force if the fully erected enterprise shall be thrown open to visitors on Sundays a year hence. Because of this action of the directors the question now under debate by the whole nation is not, "Shall the world's fair be open on Sunday?" but, "Shall the present condition of Sunday sight-seeing at Jackson Park be changed after the formal opening of the world's fair?" The world's fair is open on Sunday. It is a condition, not a theory, that confronts us.

The Pioneer Steamer Beaver.
ALBANY, N. Y., June 3.—Robert H. Benedict, of Victoria, B. C., is in Albany trying to form a company for transportation to Chicago of the first steamer that entered the Pacific ocean around Cape Horn. He feels confident of the success of his project. Benedict is one of the owners of the famous steamer, the Beaver, the first of her kind to leave England, brave the dangers of the cape and sail into the Pacific. This was in 1835. All her original machinery and the five oak timbers of her hull are as sound as the day the steamer passed out of the builder's hands. Only one person who came on the Beaver's maiden trip now lives.

Hospital Scandals.
CINCINNATI, O., June 2.—There is a big sensation here over the death yesterday of a prominent citizen at the city hospital, having bled to death unattended. Last night, too, a patient at the hospital committed suicide, leaving a note saying death was preferable to the abuse of the nurses. Charges have been made for some time past in the public press against this hospital, alleging negligence, incompetency and immorality. The principal charge was against Miss Murray, of Philadelphia, in charge of the trained nurses' department. The superintendent was recently dismissed on this account.

A Forest Fire.
MAY'S LANDING, N. J., June 2.—A forest fire started in the woods between its place and Egg Harbor early yesterday morning, and burned fiercely in a flammable tract of timber all day. About 6 o'clock yesterday afternoon it was carried within one mile of Hammonton, where a large force of men fought it all day with little success, and last night it destroyed hundreds of acres of timber every hour. It was turned off from Hammonton by back-firing and plowing the ground on all sides of the town, but is now burning so fiercely that there is great fear of the place being destroyed.

Michigan in the Swim.
GRAND RAPIDS, Mich., June 2.—The first storm ever experienced here occurred last night. It was a regular gale. Crops were destroyed for an around, and the track of the Grand Rapids and Indiana road was washed for three miles.

Storms and Cyclones.

CHICAGO, June 2.—Advices give further details of the loss of life and the destruction of property by storms and cyclones in the southwest. Lott, Tex., reports a cyclone near Durango, which caused the greatest havoc, sweeping everything before it, over a space of a quarter of a mile wide and several miles long. Houses were utterly demolished. Many people escaped injury by entering cyclone cellars, but five or six are known to be killed, and a number were injured, some fatally. The effects of the rain storms which have prevailed since Monday throughout Missouri, Arkansas, Oklahoma and Indian territory, and which continue in many places are becoming evident in the rising rivers. All streams in this territory are rising rapidly, and promise to exceed the high stage of water recently recorded, where it is not already exceeded. Enormous damage has been already done, and much greater is in prospect. The damage by rain and wind in the neighborhood of Texas has been estimated at \$500,000.

A Canadian Cruiser.

OTTAWA, June 3.—The protest of the United States government against Canada constructing a revenue cutter for service on the upper lakes has been of little avail, and the keel of the vessel which is to be of steel throughout, is now being laid at Owen sound, on the Georgian bay. The objection from Washington was based on the agreement of 1817 between Great Britain and the United States, one of the clauses of which prohibited either country from building a "vessel of war" on the lakes. It has been discovered, however, that this agreement was abrogated by Secretary Seward in 1865, and consequently the Canadian government will construct the cruiser. Even had the treaty been in force this government would have resented United States interference, as the new vessel is simply being built for revenue purposes and the United States, it appears, has at the present time four vessels of this class on the lake, viz: One each at Oswego, Detroit, Erie and Milwaukee.

Getting Ready.

MINNEAPOLIS, June 3.—Preparations for the interesting affair next Tuesday are going on apace, the managers having fully fixed upon the programme of the inaugural ceremonies. The new convention hall will be filled to the doors with delegates and visitors. There will be music by a brass band and a chorus of 1,500 voices will sing such patriotic music as cannot be construed into reflecting partisan feeling. The addresses will be delivered by Maj. McKinley, the energetic tariff-lifter, and Mr. Depew. There is a distinctly festive character about all this. The day to follow will be one of toil and voting and of anxious delegates growing hoarse with shouting. People throughout the country will be having around bulletin boards and jostling each other over tickets. But the eve of the combat will be as festive and joyous as a carnival. This is pleasant. Even busy Mr. Harrison, down there at Washington, will feel some polite interest in the proceedings that are to follow.

Not Lawfully Detained.

LANSING, Mich., June 3.—The Supreme court has filed an opinion reversing the conviction and ordering the discharge of Aaron W. Hamaker, who was recently convicted in the Jackson Circuit court of attempting to aid a convict to escape from prison. The statute makes it a crime to aid in the escape of a prisoner who was lawfully detained, and the court held that the information did not show that Donovan, the prisoner whose escape Hamaker attempted to aid, was convicted of any offense known to the law and therefore that he was not lawfully detained. Donovan is doing a ten years' sentence, having been convicted in Ogemaw county 1887 of the crime of entering a saloon in the night with intent to commit robbery. This, the court says, is not a crime known to the law, as no breaking was charged. Under this state of facts Donovan will experience but little difficulty in securing his liberty also.

A Lake Steamer Sunk.

DETROIT, June 2.—The steamers Britain and Progress, both of Cleveland, collided this morning at the mouth of the Detroit river. The Progress sank immediately, but the crew was rescued with difficulty. The Britain was comparatively uninjured.

A Canoeist Drowned.

PORT JERVIS, N. Y., June 2.—Commodore C. F. Weeks, of the Brooklyn Canoe Club, was drowned yesterday while attempting to shoot a dam across the Delaware river at Lakawaxen, Pa.

SNAKES IN THE TREES.

Effect of the Recent Flood in Portions of Illinois.

FISH AND SNAKE STORIES.

Reptiles Driven to High Lands and Take Refuge in Willows.

HUNTERS HORRIFIED TO FIND THEM

Pastures Filled With Fish Which the Farmers Gather by the Basket Full—Minor Mention.

MACOMB, Ill., June 3.—William Barker, manager of the electric light and gas plant of this city, together with several companions, has just returned from a hunting and fishing trip to Crooked creek in the vicinity of Colmar. The entire region around Colmar, a way station on the Chicago, Burlington and Quincy railroad between Quincy and Galesburg, is one sea of water. The water stood several feet high around a line of willows which had been set out for a fence. Barker and his companions got into a boat and rowed up around the trees in hopes of finding some sort of game, when they were horrified to see a huge snake drop into the boat. The reptile was quickly dispatched, when the boys discovered that the trees above them were literally alive with snakes; a mass of hissing, writhing reptiles, consisting of water moccasins, rattlers and many other varieties. The thoroughly frightened men began a fusillade with their guns and in a short time they had killed over one hundred big snakes. Some of them were monsters. The high water has driven hundreds of these reptiles into the surrounding country. The fish stories that now pour in from this neck of the woods are equally marvelous. One farmer found his pasture full of buffalo fish one morning and gathered a bushel-basket full. Another native captured a huge cat-fish that weighed over one hundred pounds. Fishing is all the go. The small streams are full of the choicest kinds of fish.

Canal Convention.

ST. LOUIS, June 4.—The convention came to order at the appointed hour. The permanent organization was affected by choosing Hon. George L. Converse of Ohio, president; Horace Davis, of California, senior vice-president, with an additional vice-president from each state, and an executive committee on the same basis; and secretaries D. H. McAdam and J. C. Broadwell. Mr. Converse, on assuming his duties, thanked the convention for the honor conferred, and then, reverting to the objects of the convention, declared the building of the Nicaragua canal was as necessary as the casting of the cannon or the building of ships in the time of war, and for that reason, as well as being a commercial necessity, the government should have control of so great a waterway, which, it is felt, should be constructed at once. These remarks were received with great applause. The report of the committee on resolutions endorsed the canal as feasible, and recommended government assistance, with protection secured to the government interests. It recommended investment in the canal company's securities to the American people, and directed the appointment of two committees, one to visit each of the great national conventions of political parties to secure the endorsement of government control of the canal. The report was adopted. Then, after an address by Rear-Admiral Ammen, and the usual resolutions attending the closing of a gathering, the convention adjourned.

Sidney Dillon's Illness.

NEW YORK, June 2.—Sidney Dillon, president of the Union Pacific railway, who lies critically ill at his residence in West Fifty-seventh street, continues to grow gradually weaker. He is greatly emaciated and cannot even turn in his bed without assistance. The only nourishment which he takes is a preparation of fermented milk, but how much of its nutritive quality is assimilated the attending physicians are unable to determine. Both the nerve and muscular forces of the patient are daily becoming diminished. His mind remains clear, but he does not speak of business matters. It is eleven weeks today since Mr. Dillon was last down town, and for five weeks he has been confined to his bed.

The President's Strength.

MINNEAPOLIS, June 4.—Thirteen states have instructed their delegates to cast their votes at Minneapolis for the renomination of President Harrison. These are Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Illinois, Indiana, Kentucky, Maryland, Mississippi, Missouri, South Carolina, Nebraska, South Dakota and Texas. These states will cast 290 votes in the convention. The president would lack 155 of a majority if he had to depend on them alone. But in the 31 states that have given no instructions there are Harrison delegates as earnest and as firm as those from Indiana and Illinois. The uninstructed delegates number 598. It is gratifying to find that the custom of instructing delegates has so far fallen into disfavor that nearly two-thirds of the delegates are free from such dictation. All schemes to stampede the convention for Secretary Blaine are now practically abandoned. The promoters of these plots admired Mr. Blaine, but they admired themselves more. They hoped to promote personal aims by creating confusion in the republican ranks. They desired to create enmity between the president and Mr. Blaine in the hope that an open quarrel might ensue which they could turn to account. The sincere friends of Mr. Blaine accepted his letter of declination in good faith, and bestowed their support on the president under whom he has served with so much distinction. Mr. Blaine has done well to respect this course, and in so doing has followed the dictates of honor as well as courtesy.

Strike in Okanogan.

SPOKANE, June 4.—News of a rich free gold strike on the Similkamen river, about a mile and one-half south of the British line, has reached this city. The mineral is found in quartz ledges which stand out like huge reefs against the side of the bluff trending north and south and being exposed, showing the ledge to be 300 feet wide. H. Ballard of Conconully, a well known engineer, arrived in the city last night and gave an account of the discovery. He said that the ledge was bonded to F. W. Dunn about 30 days ago, but the reports of value did not reach Conconully until a few days ago. Seventeen claims have been located and large numbers of men are going to the scene of the strike daily. Mr. Ballard said that he has often driven over the ground, and about a year ago broke out some rock from the ledge and carried it to Conconully, intending to assay it, but he thought that the ledge was too large. "If it had been a ledge three feet wide," said he, "I should have tested it." [The property is easy of access and is the subject of much discussion.]

Fruit Shippers Complain.

YAKIMA, June 4.—The Northern Pacific railway company complains that Yakima fruit shippers are not particular enough about the packages in which they ship their fruit and other products. To this a shipper replies that last year he shipped a crate of watermelons to friends in Montana. He paid several dollars for the melons, had a new and strong shipping crate built, put up the balance of his money and mortgaged several years of his life to pay the transportation charges, and then waited patiently to hear encomiums on the admirable qualities of the Yakima watermelons. One lone watermelon arrived at its destination. There was no crate to it and it was cracked, and passed by the brakeman and railroad employes on account of being unwholesome, and so, in line with the officers of the Northern Pacific, he would advise shippers to use more precaution. They should thoroughly investigate the good qualities of the various safes, procure a time lock, and then take their chances.

A Raid on Sacramento.

SACRAMENTO, June 3.—Excitement runs high in the Chinese quarter. Yesterday a crowd of peaceable Chinese informed Chief Rogers that 40 highbinders were enroute to this city from San Francisco, to avenge the murders of Tuesday night. They left San Francisco by steamer and are expected to arrive this morning. From a reliable source it was learned that the self-constituted avengers are members of a big high-binder society, and have sworn to kill the promoters of last Tuesday's murders. The peaceable Chinese are leaving the city, fearing violence at the hands of the new comers. The local highbinders are arming themselves and are preparing to give battle to the intruders.

The Birkenhead Disaster.

PRAGUE, June 3.—The frightful roll of casualties in the disaster in the Birkenhead silver mine increases. It is now known that fully 400 miners lost their lives. Many bodies were burned beyond recognition. The accumulation of gas in the mine greatly interferes with the work of removal of corpses, and it is believed that the work of rescue will not be completed inside of a fortnight.

WHOOPIING UP BLAINE.

As the Contest Nears the End it Deepens in Interest.

FACTIONS BECOMING EXCITED.

Some Very Harsh Things are Being said by Men on Both Sides.

NON-PARTISANS FEAR RESULTS.

Blaine's Friends Have Forced Him Into the Position of a Passive Candidate.

MINNEAPOLIS, June 4.—If another letter is not forthcoming from Blaine within thirty-six hours it is impossible to predict what the convention will do. The intensity of the situation may be understood when it is stated that representatives of the associated press are questioned every hour by anxious party leaders as to whether any declaration has been made, or is expected, at Washington from Blaine. The contest is growing in interest hourly. Men are becoming unduly excited. Factions are beginning to say harsh things. Non-partisans are beginning to fear the results of the campaign, which ever wins. Either by or against his will Blaine's friends have forced him into the position of a passive candidate, and the Harrison people are not unreasonably saying many caustic things about the secretary's position, insisting that good faith will compel him to write another letter of declination.

The Blaine leaders are working hard to bring about a break to him from Harrison instructions in hope that it will be accepted as a precedent by other instructed delegations, with the result of further breaks to the man from Maine. Wherever possible this will be helped along by the argument that Harrison instructions were only given on the supposition that Blaine would not be a candidate, and that the strong Blaine sentiment in their state will now justify them in ignoring the instructions given under these misapprehensions.

Among the conspicuous figures in the Harrison headquarters this morning were those of Powell Clayton, of Arkansas; R. C. Kerens, of Missouri; W. O. Bradley, of Kentucky; H. Clay Evans, of Louisiana, and ex-Governor Warmoth, of Louisiana.

There is a contest as to the right to seats at the national republican convention, in the third North Carolina district, where two factions have chosen delegates. This makes contests in three districts.

Want the Pheasants.

COLFAX, Wash., June 4.—Several sportsmen of this city are at work upon a proposition to introduce Chinese pheasants into Whitman county. The plan is to secure several pairs of these birds from Oregon, and build a yard for them where they will be cared for and allowed to increase until a sufficient number is secured, when they would be turned loose and protected by law until such time as it was thought they were thick enough, when they would be protected in their season, the same as other game birds are. They are very numerous in Oregon and are one of the finest of birds. The pheasants are as large as an ordinary chicken, with very white meat. It is estimated that the cost of procuring enough of the birds to make the start and making a yard to take care of them in would be about \$150.

All the Marks of a Blizzard.

CHEYENNE, Wyo., June 6.—A storm having all the marks of a midwinter blizzard raged here all day Saturday. A blinding snow fell, which was piled by the wind in great drifts. The snow was over eight inches deep on the level. Traffic was suspended. The storm was general throughout the state, and will cause a severe loss of cattle.

Robbed the Stage.

BILLINGS, Mont., June 3.—The Billings and Great Falls stage was held up by masked men yesterday, and the treasure-box and mail taken. The passengers were unharmed. The robbery occurred on Painted Robe hill, near Mussel Shell river.

A Farmer Found Dead.

ALBANY, Or., June 3.—Daniel Houck, a well known farmer, living near Tangent, was found dead this morning about 8:30 o'clock, lying in a barnyard, where he had been milking cows. No marks of violence were visible, and it is supposed he died from heart failure.

An Old Mine Sold.

SPOKANE, June 6.—A deal was consummated in this city, on Saturday by which W. P. Haskell, one of Spokane's most prominent citizens, will acquire for himself and an eastern syndicate one of the most historic, largest and richest mining properties in the United States. In fact it is the first mining property of which there is any record in what is now the United States. It is the old Copper canyon, in the wilds of New Mexico, but which is now only twenty-two miles from a railroad that has recently penetrated the heart of the country from which the Montezumas extracted fabulous wealth long before the advent of the Spaniards. The history of this, the first scene of mining operations in this country, is quite interesting considering the great proportions to which the mining interests have grown from the time the ancient workings were in successful operation until the present day, when so much interest of the same nature centers around Spokane. The Copper canyon was worked in A. D. 1640 at the time of the Spanish invasion.

The Mississippi Still Rising.

CHICAGO, June 6.—Advices to the associated press show that the Mississippi river is rising at and above St. Louis. The probability is that it will not begin to fall until after the June rise, and it is giving cause for grave apprehension when that event takes place. The Arkansas and other rivers in the southwest where recent heavy rains have fallen also continue to rise, and threaten further destruction to property. Means are being taken to warn the inhabitants of any sudden break in the levees, so that they may flee to places of safety.

Wants to Live Forever.

WALLA WALLA Statesman. We should like to live long enough to find out the true secret of Charles A. Dana's unrelenting and unvarying hostility to Grover Cleveland. Various surmises have been hazarded, but it is not believed that the reason has ever been stated. Dana is so bitter and so persistent in his assaults, that we might almost believe that Cleveland had done him some great favor, though there is nothing in Cleveland's public career to support such a theory.

A Terrible Tornado.

VIENNA, June 3.—The Agram-Brod mail train was wrecked by a tornado near Nowska station last night, and the passengers had a fearful experience. Suddenly complete darkness fell upon the train. The engines and fireman crouched upon the floor of the engine. A terrific gust lifted the engine, weighing 70 tons, and five carriages, and threw them over an embankment into a cut half full of water. The station at Nowska was converted into a hospital for the injured, 23 in number.

Dynamite in Chicago.

CHICAGO, June 3.—A morning paper says the police have discovered a carefully-devised plot to blow up the McGregor boiler factory, whose men are on a strike, with non-union men filling their places. Wires were strung to a point at the rear of the factory running to a room recently taken by three men. In this room were found a large quantity of dynamite and an electrical apparatus for exploding it.

Washouts and Washouts.

PITTSBURGH, June 6.—Heavy rains in Pottsville, Reading and Scanton Saturday amounting to a waterspout in some places and in others accompanied by hail, did much damage to crops and caused washouts on the railroads, which have blocked traffic.

Highest of all in Leavening Power.—Latest U. S. Gov't Report.

Royal Baking Powder

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